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Learning 2000

Reassessing the Virtual University
September 28 – October 1, 2000

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The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
Roanoke, Virginia, USA

An International Conference
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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Join scholars and practitioners from around the world in a three-day colloquy exploring the successes and failures of teaching and learning in the digital environment.

Planned Discussions:

- Administering Online Universities • Best Practices in Online Learning • Digital Discourse • For-Profit and Not-For-Profit Virtual Universities • Hypertext/Hypermedia • Intellectual Property and Online Learning • Legalities and Illegalities Online • Virtualizing University Education • Online Learning Environments: Creating Communities • Scholarship and the Teaching Profession Online • What Fails Online and Why?

Keynote Speakers Include:

- Carole Barone • N. Katherine Hayles • Michael Joyce • Stuart Maulthrop • Mark Poster • Keith Fulton

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thursday, September 28

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| 8:00–8:30 am | Registration |
| 8:30 am – 1:00 pm | Presentations |
| 1:00–2:00 pm | Lunch |
| 2:00–6:00 pm | Presentations |
| 7:00–8:30 pm | Reception |

Friday, September 29

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| 8:00–8:30 am | Registration |
| 8:30 am – 1:00 pm | Presentations |
| 1:00–2:00 pm | Lunch |
| 2:00–6:00 pm | Presentations |

Saturday, September 30

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| 8:00–8:30 am | Registration |
| 8:30 am – 1:00 pm | Presentations |
| 1:00–2:00 pm | Lunch |
| 2:00–6:00 pm | Presentations |
| 7:00–9:00 pm | Conference Banquet |

Sunday, October 1

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| 8:30 am – 1:00 pm | Presentations |
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A detailed schedule is available at:
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Many have been exploring ways for building a “virtual university” either from scratch or by virtualizing the educational experiences at already existing colleges and universities. Yet, a few institutions of higher learning, such as Virginia Tech, have been laying the foundations for such online learning environments since 1993. With its support for the Blacksburg Electronic Village (BEV), a state-wide broad-band ATM network (NET.WORK.VIRGINIA), the Faculty Development Initiative (FDI), the Cyberschool project in the College of Arts and Sciences, and the campus-wide Institute for Distance and Distributed Learning (IDDL), Virginia Tech has been uniquely positioned as a site to assess the benefits and costs of virtual university instruction. Drawing upon this six years’ experience, the College of Arts and Sciences at Virginia Tech will continue the serious, sustained, and on-going debate about the merits of online teaching and distance education launched at *Learning Online '98* in June 1998.

The purpose of this conference is to gather colleagues from around the world who are interested in the shape and substance that the virtual university is acquiring in practice. In addition we hope to debate the advantages or disadvantages of digital discourse, learning online, and virtual university life. By reviewing the quality of faculty life, the pressures on support staff, the impact on student learning, the demands on university administrators, and the potentials for reaching new types of learners, a series of paper sessions, round-table discussions, panels, and keynote speakers will address the wide range of issues that emerge in this domain. Included in these discussions will be a meeting for the university administrators and faculty involved in creating the Electronic Campus of Virginia (E-CVA). E-CVA is the Commonwealth of Virginia’s experimental effort at creating a statewide virtual university, and this group will have much to contribute to the discussion with the other conference participants.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

If you are interested in having direct access to new research in online learning, displaying your product to a high tech audience, and communicating with cutting edge educators in technology, please contact Myron Anderson at (540) 231-7887, e-mail: myron@vt.edu or Beverly Turner at (540) 231-2188, e-mail: bevturner@vt.edu.

LOCATION AND LODGING

This colloquy is held at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, conveniently located at 110 Shenandoah Avenue and within walking distance of the downtown shopping and dining market district of Roanoke. The complex consists of a luxurious historic hotel and a state-of-the-art conference center. An enclosed skywalk connects the facility with downtown Roanoke. A block of lodging rooms is being held at a special rate of \$94 single and \$104 double (plus tax). These rates are effective until **August 28**. Please make your reservations by this date by calling the hotel at (540) 985-5900. Be sure to mention the name of the forum when making your reservations. Online reservations may be submitted at: www.hotelroanoke.com/res/res_lol.html

REGISTRATION

The following registration fees include morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, lunch, banquet, and program materials. Complete and return the attached registration form with your payment option by **September 14**. After this date, please confirm your registration by calling the conference registrar at (540) 231-5182. Registrations may also be sent online at: <http://www.cddc.vt.edu/learning>

Standard Participant Registration Fee \$375
 Daily Student Participant Registration Fee \$ 55
 Daily Participant Registration Fee \$130
 Exhibitor Fee \$750

Requests for refunds are honored if received at least four full working days before the start of the seminar. However, substitutions are accepted at any time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For further information about this conference, please contact Len Hatfield at Len.Hatfield@vt.edu or Tim Luke at twluke@vt.edu, or visit our conference website at <http://www.cddc.vt.edu/learning>.

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Daily Participant Registration Fee, \$130—Indicate day/s attending: _____

Exhibitor Fee, \$750

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